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MANILA FOR DEPSEC CLEMENTS AND DEPASSTSEC ZURHELLEN;  
NAVCOMSTA HE HOLT FOR EMBOFF ROBERT GREY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP  
SUBJECT: CLEMENTS VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

1. PRITCHETT HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING MORE SPECIFIC  
RUNDOWN OF TOPICS ADOD INTENDS TO DISCUSS WITH DEPSEC  
MARCH 14. AT 10 AM MEETING CHAIRED BY BARNARD:

- A) JOINT FACILITIES, INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS OF  
SCHLESINGER FLEXIBLE RESPONSE STRATEGY (NOTE  
WEEKLY NATIONAL TIMES OF MARCH 9 FEATURES RATHER  
SENSATIONAL ARTICLE ON THIS SUBJECT ARGUING THAT  
FACILITIES HAVE BECOME VERY PLAUSIBLE TARGET  
FOR SOVIET NUCLEAR STRIKES. GREY HAS COPY OF  
ARTICLE.)
- B) ALLIANCE RELATIONSHIPS (TO BE DISCUSSED BY  
BARNARD--NO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS FORESEEN)
- C) MILITARY HARDWARE PROCUREMENT, INCLUDING  
PATROL FRIGATES AND LRMPA.

AT 11:30 A.M. MEETING, CHAIRED BY ADOD SECRETARY TANGE  
AFTER BARNARD'S DEPARTURE:

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D) GOA DEFENSE PERCEPTIONS, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS

(A PRESENTATION BY TANGE AND ASSOCIATES)

E) CONCEPTS FOR US STRATEGIC DEPLOYMENT IN EA AND PACIFIC (BY DEP SEC CLEMENTS AND ASSOCIATES)

F) NUCLEAR FREE ZONES (THE IDEA HERE IS BILATERALLY TO CONFIRM US VIEWS ON SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE PRIOR TO ANZUS TALKS APRIL 25 WHEN NEW ZEALAND IS EXPECTED TO REVERT TO THIS FAVORITE TOPIC; GOA REMAINS SKEPTICAL OF SPNFZ AND HAS NO SYMPATHY FOR GNZ ON THIS SUBJECT)

G) INDIAN OCEAN

H) VISITS OF NPW (GOA WILL BE ABLE TO REPORT STATUS OF INTERNAL DISCUSSION BUT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OFFER PROMISE OF EARLY POSITIVE DECISION)

I) WORLD OIL SUPPLY PROBLEMS FROM DEFENSE POINT OF VIEW (PURPOSE OF THIS NEW TOPIC IS NOT CLEAR UNLESS AUSTRALIANS WISH TO SMOKE OUT JUST HOW HIGH US THRESHOLD FOR MILITARY ACTION IN ME TO SECURE OIL SUPPLIES MIGHT BE)

2. FOLLOWING DEPSEC CALL UPON DEPARTMENT FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY RENOUF, DFA WOULD APPRECIATE ZURHELLEN STAYING ON FOR ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION OF FOREIGN POLICY, WITH FOCUS UPON THOSE ISSUES UPON WHICH US AND AUSTRALIA DIFFER.  
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